

Topic: ABANDONED VEHICLE PROCEDURES	OPR: Directorate of Emergency Services – (DES) 4403/4404/2707
Reference: AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 22 May 2006 NTC Reg 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic and Registration , 1 MAR 2007	
<p>Procedure: To provide an overview for the procedures and responsibilities for the identification and processing of Abandoned Vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOWING AND IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES. IAW AR 190-5, chapter 6, any vehicle that clearly interferes with on going vehicle traffic on Fort Irwin, threatens public safety, is involved in criminal activity, contains evidence of criminal activity or is stolen or abandoned will be subject to towing and impoundment.• An abandoned vehicle is defined as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Any vehicle that has not been removed from its location for 72 hours or longer without a bona fide reason such as privately owned vehicles of personnel on leave or temporarily physically incapable of driving. Excluded are areas such as unit motor pools, EDRE lots, etc.(b) Any remnant (or remains) of a motor vehicle which is inoperative and cannot be made operative without the addition of vital parts or mechanisms.(c) Any vehicle left within the limits of any traffic way, outside the cantonment area or upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of such property for a period of 24 hours or longer.• Fort Irwin law enforcement officers discovering an apparently abandoned vehicle on Fort Irwin property shall attach a DD Form 2504, Abandoned Vehicle Notice and provide a copy of the patrol report to the Desk Sergeant. The MP Desk will coordinate with the approved towing vendor in order to process the vehicle for impound/towing.• The owner will be allowed three days (72 hours) from the date the vehicle is tagged with DD Form 2504 to remove the vehicle, before impoundment is initiated.• Emergency Services personnel will monitor suspected abandoned vehicles for 72 hours, then initiate impoundment procedures and coordinate towing, and record each impounded vehicle on DD Form 2506, Vehicle Impoundment Report.• Once a vehicle has been placed in the installation's impound yard, the registered owner or lien holder has 120 days to claim the vehicle by coming to the Fort Irwin Police Station. Within the 120 days, all attempts to locate the last registered owner and/ or lien holder shall be made using certified mail. If the vehicle has not been claimed within that timeframe, the vehicle may be subject to sale.	